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12 FAM 260 COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

Changes

1. This Change Transmittal issues the following revision to **12 FAM 260, specifically, 12 FAM 263.3-2, Additional Instructions for Posts Facing a Critical Human Intelligence (HUMINT)** and technical threats posed by host government and/or foreign intelligence services. No substantive changes were made, only minor formatting changes.
2. If this issuance changed less than half the words, we formatted the changed text in *dark magenta italic*. If this issuance changed more than half the words, we did not use *dark magenta italic*. The CT line in each section shows when that section last changed.
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